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#### PREFACE

TO

#### "LEARNING THE GUITAR SIMPLIFIED."

These paragraphs are numbered to facilitate references.

My object in writing this book, is to simplify and remove the difficulties which those who are studying the Guitar meet with, in remembering the notes in their different positions, and the chords generally.

It is often the case that those who have not the assistance of a master, and others who have for some time discontinued the practice of the Guitar, find the points above mentioned so difficult, that they are led to give up the study of the instrument in despair.

I have endeavoured to explain those difficulties by illustrating some of the principal Major and Minor keys, C, G, D, A, E and F. Major; and of the Minor keys A, E and D, in as clear and concise a form as I possibly could.

Each Key occupies two pages. One containing the notes of the fingerboard, and on the opposite page will be found the Scale and the principal and most necessary chords in their various positions. A little diagram is put over each separate chord as it occurs, showing how the fingers of the left hand are to be placed on the strings; thus



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All the principal chords required by beginners are contained in the Major and Minor keys before mentioned.

The little pieces that follow each Example are written in a simple form to illustrate certain positions or passages of the keys, some different Guitar effect is introduced as the Slur, Glissé, Harmonics, the Staccato, Etouffé or Cantabile style, and passages for exercising the right or left hand fingers \_\_ Thus, as the pupil advances, somthing new is learnt with each key. At the end of the book will be found Songs also, to illustrate the different keys. I have also added twelve progressive pieces by different composers.

It is not supposed that students can acquire all that is to be learnt on the Guitar without an Instructor; and indeed, there are some difficulties which, to one unassisted, appearing surmountable; but they are easily conquered by a simple movement of the arm, hand, or finger, when explained by an experienced Teacher.

I would wish to draw particular attention to one great feature in these Instructions, in order to obtain a smooth, flowing, and elegant style. To acquire this, it will be necessary in certain passages to slip one or two fingers from one note to another, without lifting them off the strings; or, by letting one or more remain stationary, while the others change their places, thus:—



Where this is to be done it is indicated by a succession of dots\_ thus:

I have not thought it necessary in this Work to enter upon the different effects of a more difficult nature that the Guitar is capable of, as they will be found fully explained in my Guitar School, a more elaborate work published by Boosey & C? which also contains in addition to almost every necessary exercise a variety of Songs in different keys, and extracts from the works of the following great masters\_GIULIANI, SOR, KREUTZER & LEGNANI.

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I have often heard the following remarks. 1 .\_ "I cannot get my Guitar in perfect tune". 2. "My Guitar will not keep in tune". 3. "My strings are always breaking." bran The first may be caused by bad or "false" strings. When the string is "true" it will sound

a perfect octave of the open string when pressed at the 12th fret thus: string is false, then, it will sound either too sharp or too flat at the octave.

The way to try the gut strings is thus:

The Harmonics at the 12th fret are always perfect, so, if the string is good, the note that is pressed at the 12th fret should be the same sound as the HARMONIC NOTE on the 12th fret, if too sharp or too flat take off the string and turn it from the top to the bottom, the flaw, or defect in the string may disappear above the first fret, and the string found quite good or nearly so \_ but if still false, it will be found to be as much too high as it was too low before, or If the first gut string is long enough, I invariably cut it in half it being easier to turn if false. Then if both ends are bad I have a fresh piece to try for the third or fourth time.

To the second Remark\_I examine if the machine is bad or worn out: As the machine may run down, or the strings have not been put on properly. By not twisting the strings under when put on they will not keep tight but continue to slip and run down, I therefore make these drawings to shew how the strings should be put on.

First make a knot at the end of the string, and put it in at the bridge where the pegs are

then carry the string hold it up with right hand while the left hand turns with the right hand the peg of the machine up. and thread it through thus: diagram applies This little E gut string, to the Nº 3. Nº 1. being thinner rewhich two twists under quires UP the strings turn and a loop or To tune double knot from you with left the pegs to prevent it jumping to Lower the strings Then draw the end hand. turn pegs // towards you. be sure out at the bottom. under as above, and draw also to turn all the pegs the same the string down tightly way for up, and the reverse way for and down.

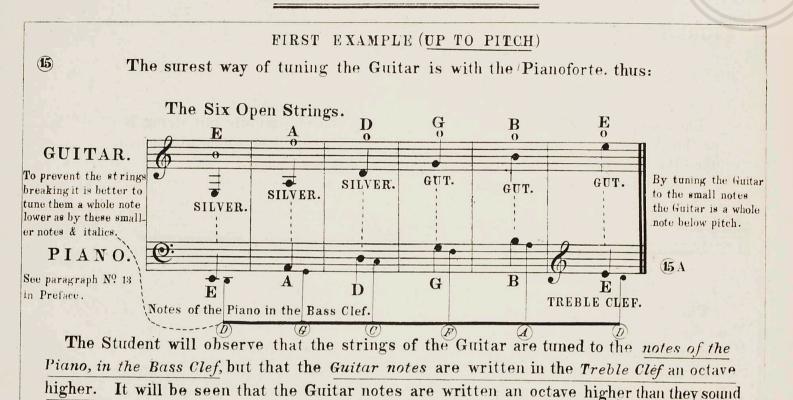
The cause of the third remark may be, that the strings are bad, or some defect at the bridge, nut, or machine, (which cuts the strings) or, the Guitar is tuned too high.

To avoid the inconvenience of the strings breaking, I suggest to my pupils to tune the strings of the Guitar a whole note lower. Tuning the E silver string to D of the Piano, and the other notes in rotation, by this means the strings are not so hard to press down, nor so liable to break.

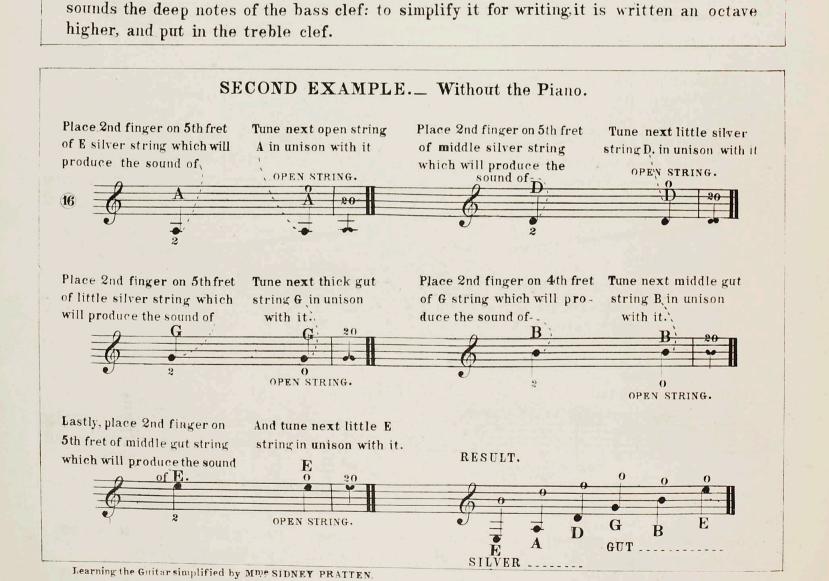
Unless playing with other instruments, for my own playing, I generally tune my Guitar a whole note lower, as above suggested, by that means the strings vibrate better and a more sympathetic tone is produced. See page 4. No 154

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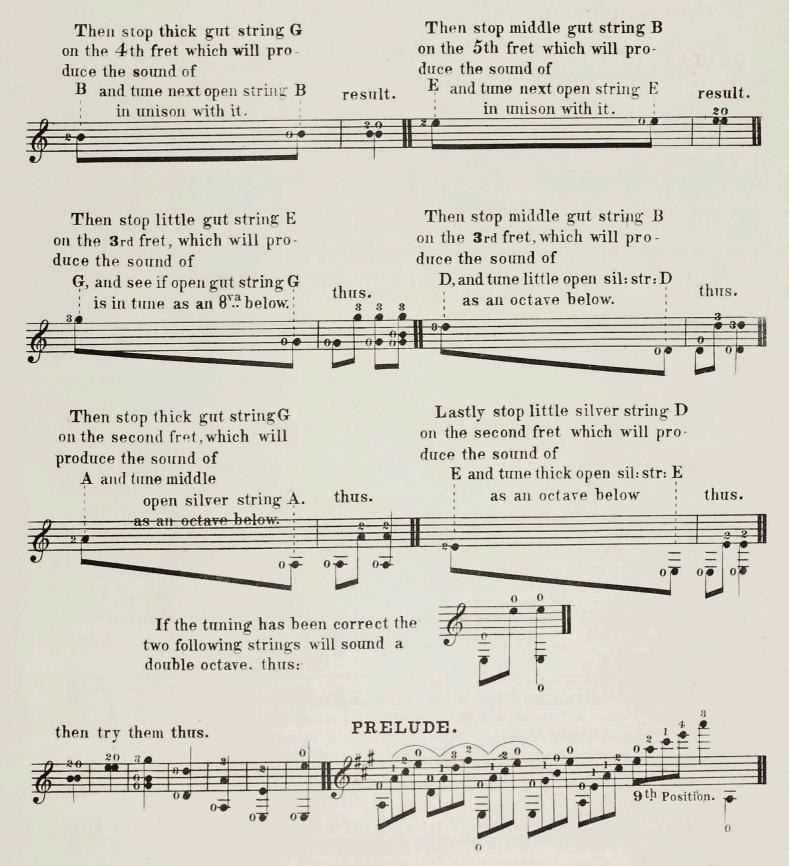


or, vice versa, the Guitar sounds an octave lower than the notation. Although the Guitar









Note \_ Should the student wish the pitch lower, instead of tuning the G string to G on the Pianoforte strike  $F\sharp$  or  $F \natural$  which will make it a half, or, a whole tone lower.

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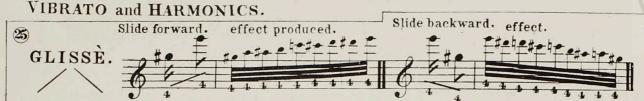
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Third finger.	Third finger.
Fourth finger. 4	Open String.
The effects produced by the Right hand are called DASHES, ARPEGGIOS, DRUM, NAILS,	
and ETOUFFÉ. as illustrated. viz: DASH	Played thus.
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ing the strings	with a spring, and instantly raising it again to allow the strings to vibrate.
of the nails of the right hand, beginning with the third	strings to vibrate.
finger and letting the 2nd and 1st fingers follow is rapid succession.	Also written thus
	hails. nails.
A pretty effect produced by the right hand. rather difficult to explain on paper, however, begin with the 4th finger and let the other fingers follow in	
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vibration of the strings with the same fingers instantly after the strings have	
been struck, but the left hand fingers remain on the strings) this applies to	
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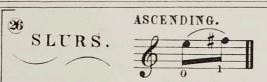
Barrè. Indicates that the first or fourth finger should be placed across all, or as many strings as may be required.

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The effects produced by the LEFT HAND are GLISSE, SLURS, APPOGGIATURA,



Strike the G#, then let the little finger slide quickly down to the E, which will sound sufficiently without striking the string again. see Waltz pages 13 & 15.



Strike E with right hand and while the string is sounding, thump the first finger of the left hand to make the F# sound.

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Strike the F# with right hand, then quickly pull the 1st finger of the left hand off the string so that the E may sound.



Strike the E with right hand, then quickly thump F  $\sharp$  and G  $\sharp$  with the 1st & 3rd fingers of left hand.



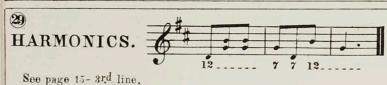
First place both fingers of left hand on G# and F# ready then strike G# with the right

hand, then pull the string with the 3rd finger so that the F# sounds, then pull 1st finger so that the open E sounds.





Place the left hand finger on the note, remove the thumb from the back of the neck, then, as soon as the string is struck (which should be near or over the sounding hole) give a tremolous movement to the left hand or arm, and the note will continue to vibrate; this effect can be used with advantage in slow and pathetic music. see Andante, page 25.



HARMONICS are generally written in small notes indicating the strings to be struck. The figures over or under indicate the Frets. To make HARMONICS sound well, straighten the 4th or 3rd finger and lay

it lightly, exactly over the fret marked, strike the strings near the bridge with greater force than usual, then quickly throw off the left hand fingers, to allow the harmonic sounds-to vibrate.

The Harmonics will be found more fully explained in my GUITAR SCHOOL\* pages 65 66 and 67 with Diagrams and Illustrations of the different modes adopted to express them by GIULIANI, LEGNANI, SOR, KREUTZER and NEULAND.

There is also another mode of producing Harmonics with double fingering (a double doigter) also explained with Diagrams and Examples. see pages 68 and 69, with many other effects and hints on TOUCH, TONE, and EXPRESSION.\_\_These are explained in my Guitar School Part 2- Published by Boosey price 2/6\*\*

Those who have not heard the Guitar well played, can have no idea of its beauty and sympathetic tones. Although I have endeavoured to explain all the effects in as clear and concise a form as possible, still, unless the Student can hear how they should be played, the effect cannot be realized. In the same manner as in studying a language, and not hearing the pronunciation.

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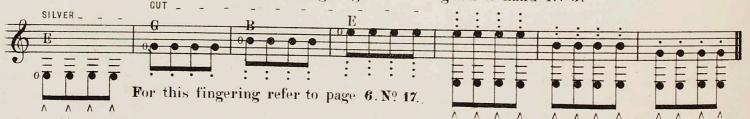


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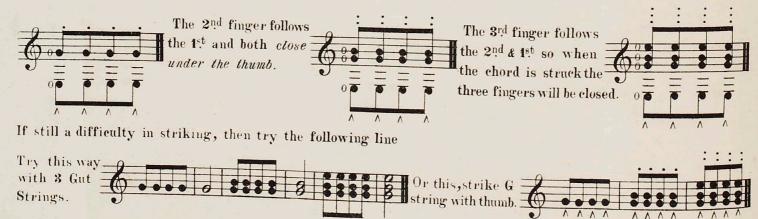
As the positions of the chords in the key of C Major are to some very difficult, and tiring to the hand and arm of the beginner, until the fingers of the left hand become accustomed to press on the strings and the right to strike I suggest that before looking at the notes on the fingerboard, the pupil should learn the six open strings and then I keep the pupil for the first 2 lessons in the key of G Major see pages 9A and 13.



Then learn to strike the strings with the right hand, put the little finger down on the sounding board, raise the wrist slightly, and strike with the following fingers see diagram of hand Nº 3.



To strike the following, and to form the position of the hand, let the thumb always close over the first finger, resting between the first and second joint see diagram of hand No 2.



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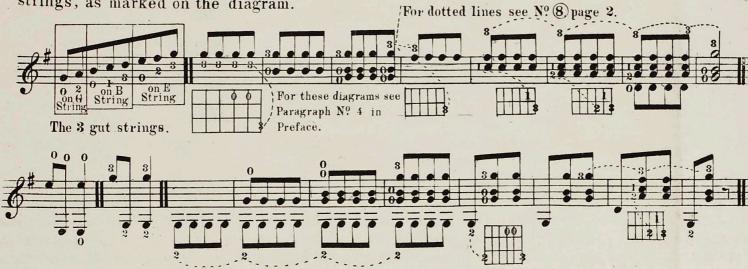
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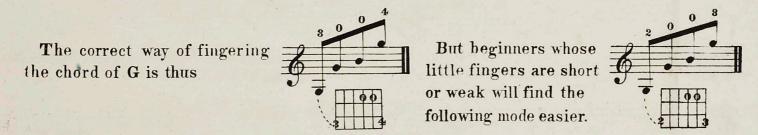
Should the pupil find a difficulty in playing the three preceding Exercises, leave them for a while, and practice the following, when on returning to them they will appear easier. Draw



When the pupil can strike the strings, then learn the Scale of G Major on the three gut strings, as marked on the diagram.



When the pupil can play the above chords perfectly, then learn the Song"Benedetta". see p.31.



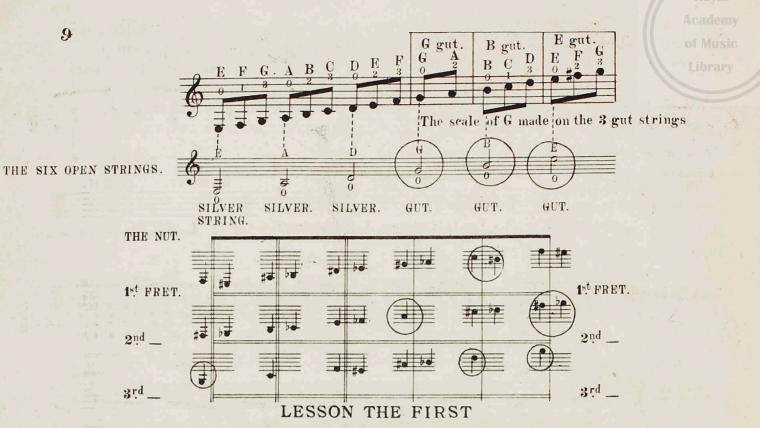
After this exercise on notes already learnt better take page 9A and page 13 (top 3 lines) before going to C Major.



The pupil having learnt to strike the strings and place the fingers on the frets, can go on with C Major, learning the notes on the silver strings, or continue still in the key of G major as above suggested.



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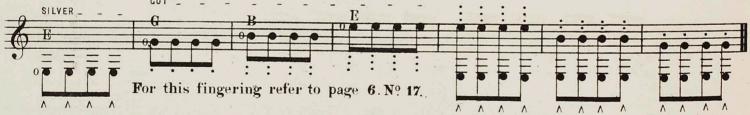


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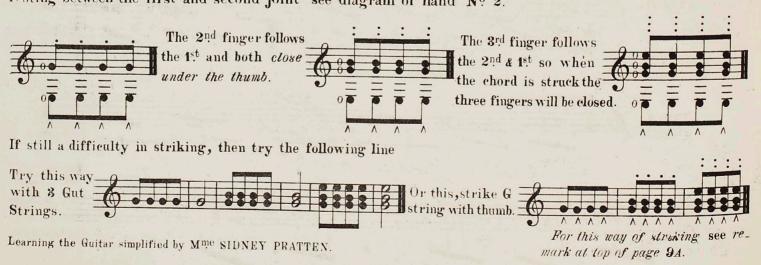
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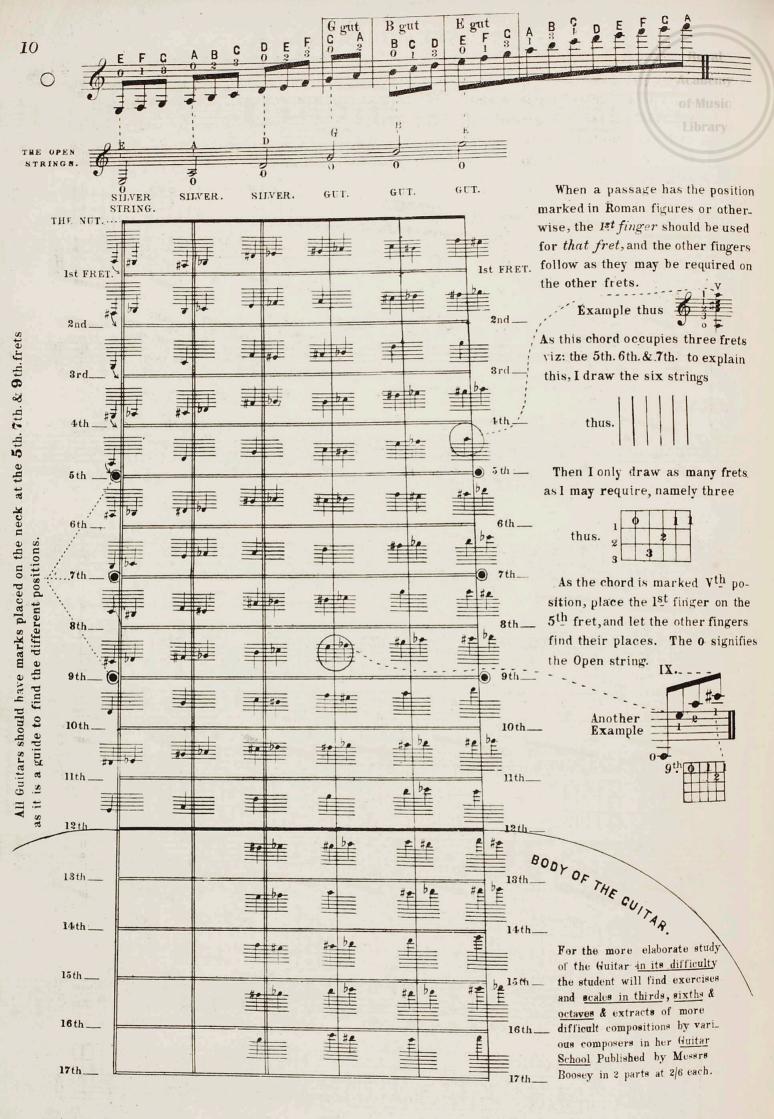


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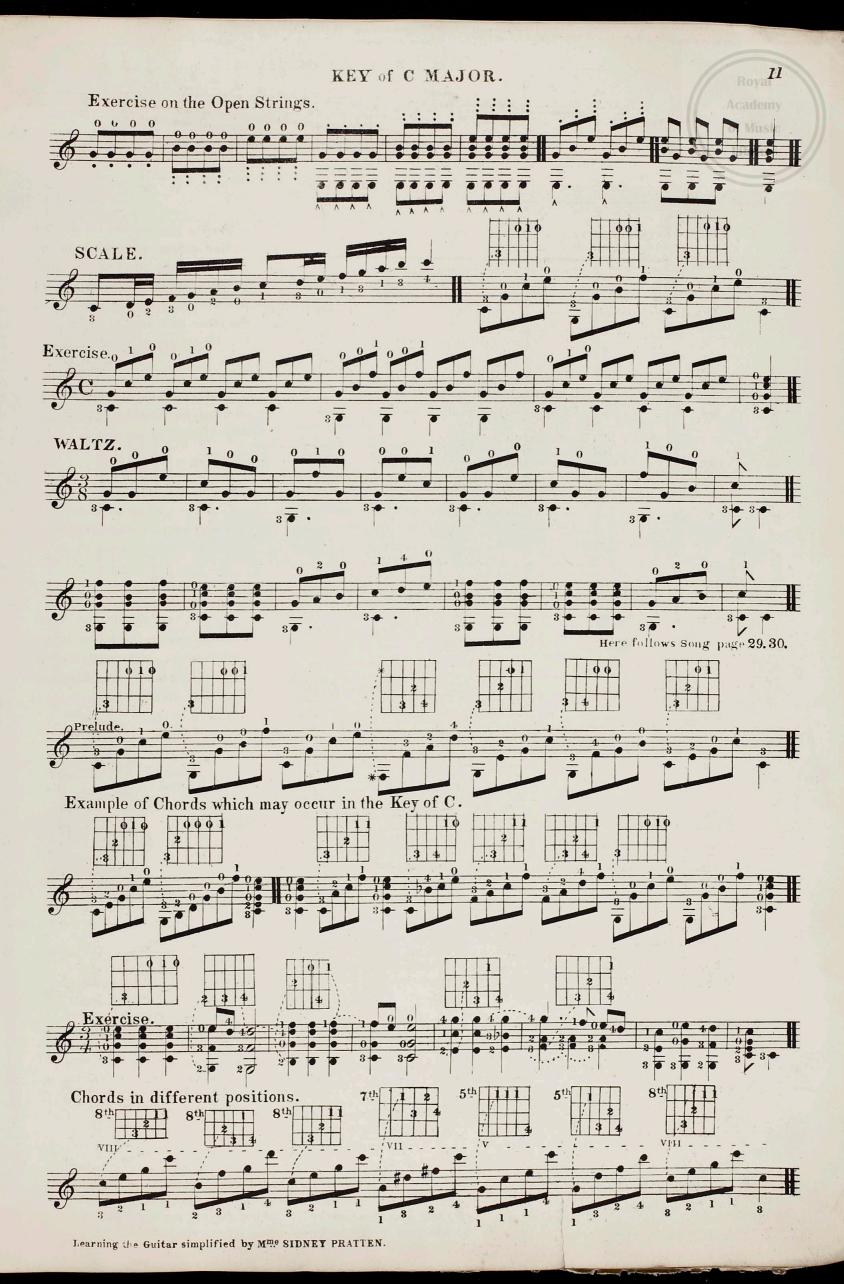


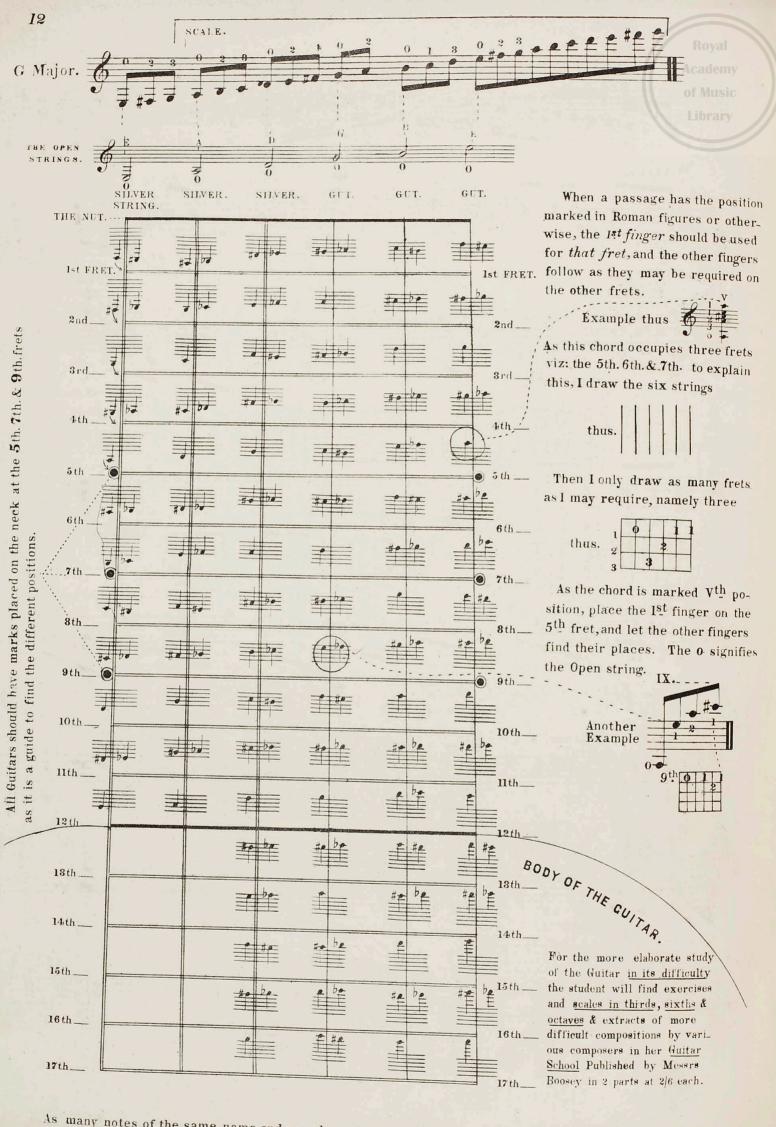
As I find beginners have so much difficulty in forming the correct way of holding the music right hand, unless a good position is obtained they cannot strike the strings without twanging, which is a great fault. The secret is, the weakness of the 3rd finger, (more or less.) So that I have written the following exercises in which the third finger is not to be used until the position is formed, after which, the third finger will fall naturally into its place.





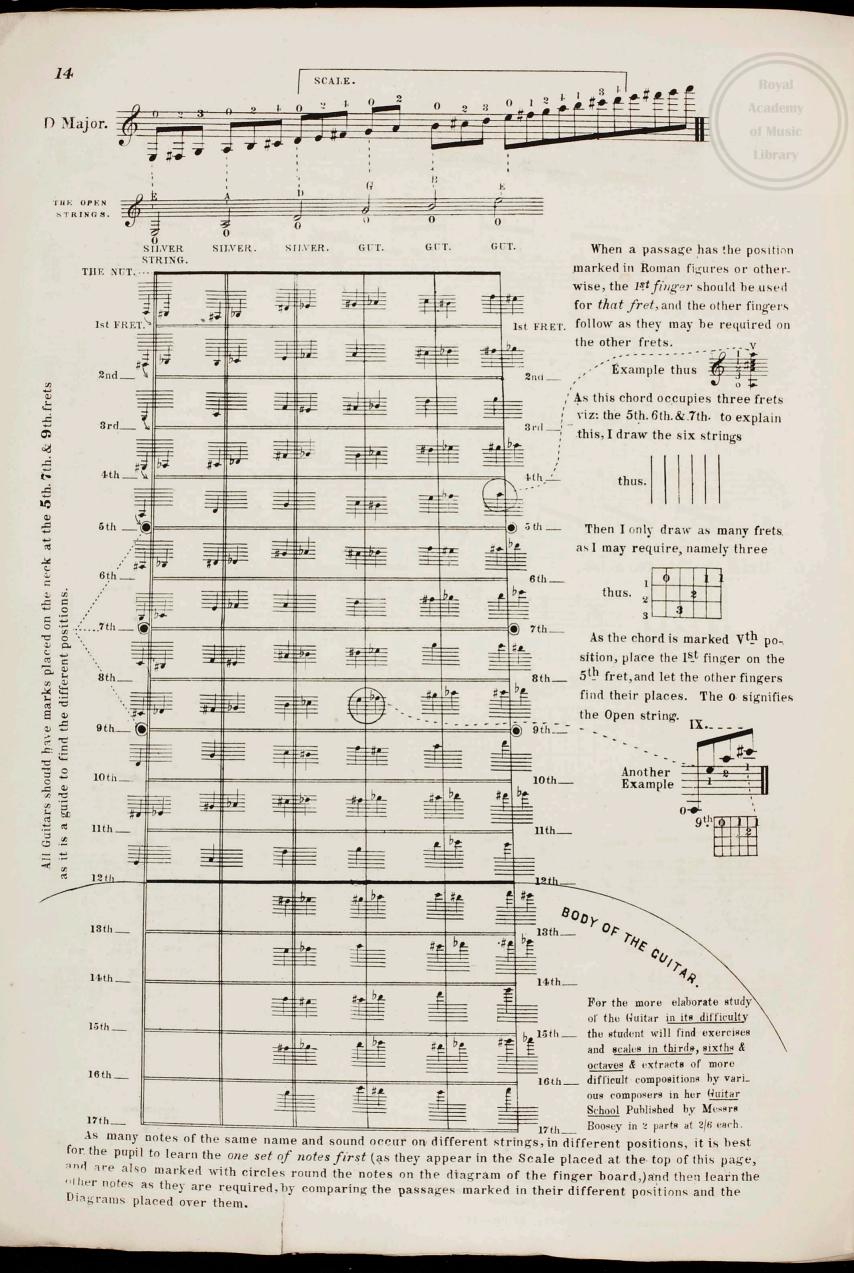
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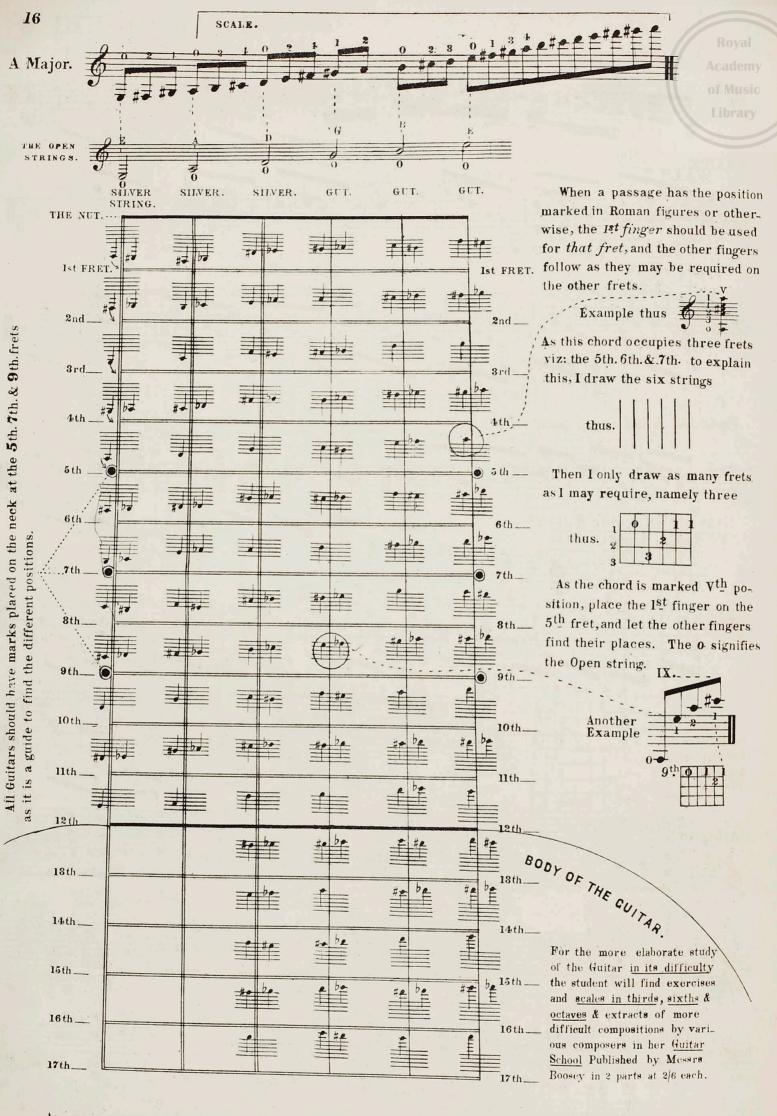
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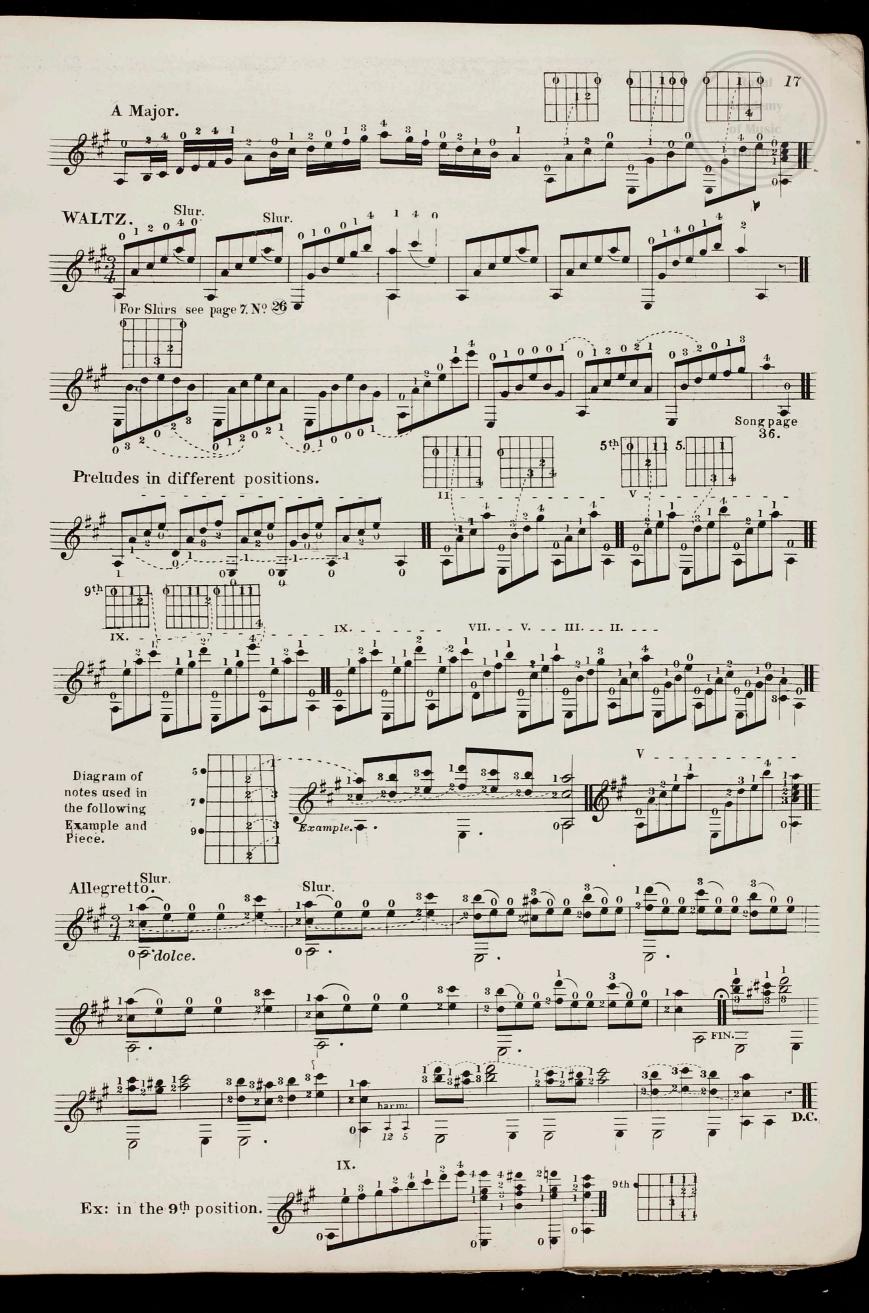
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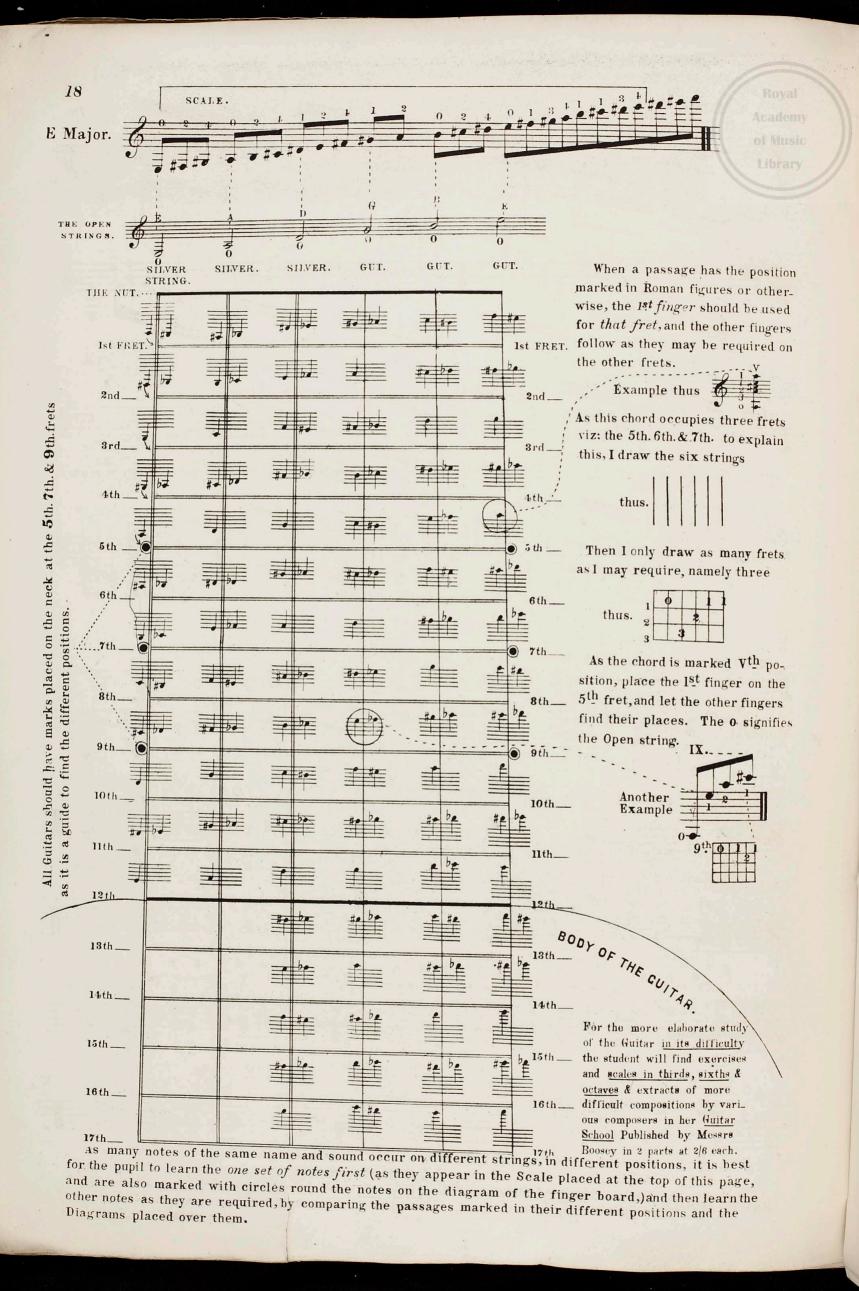
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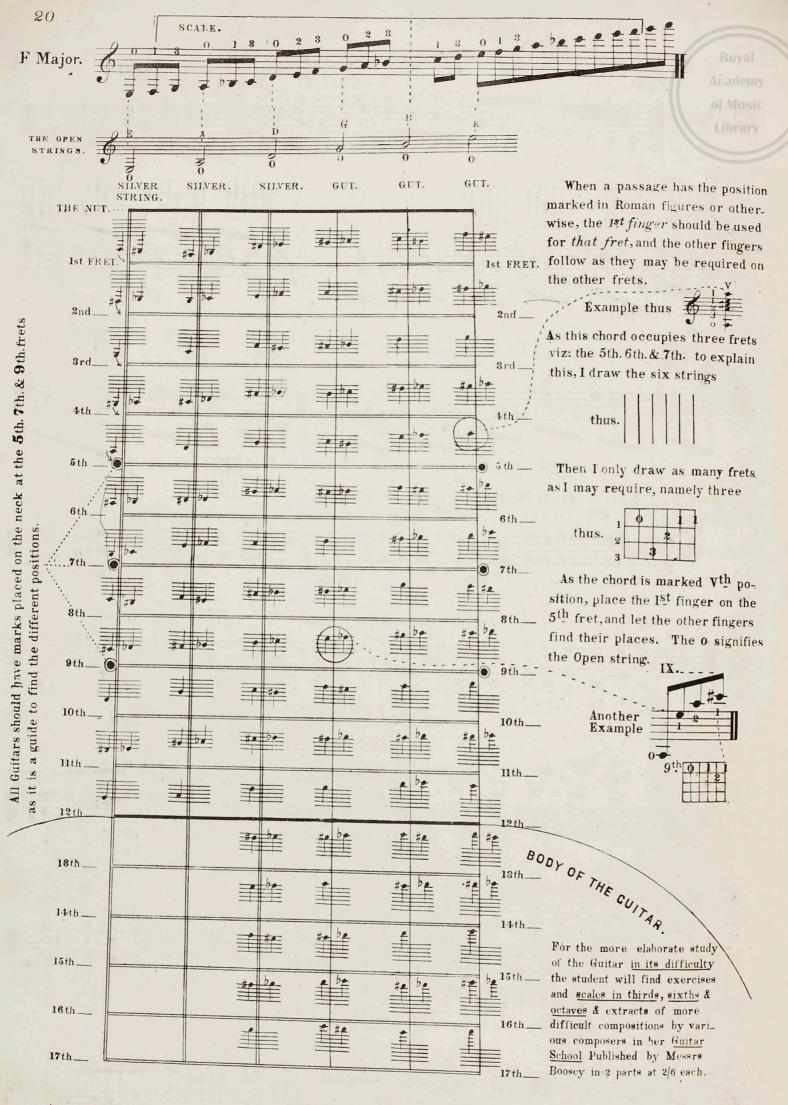
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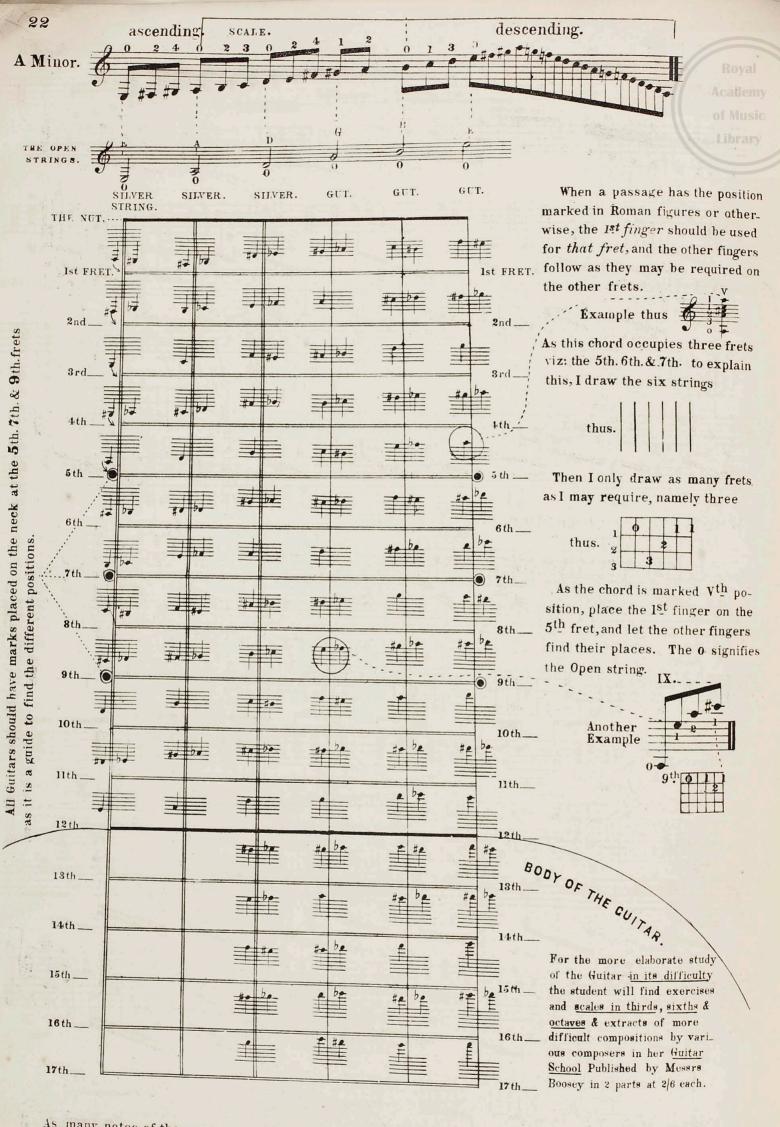


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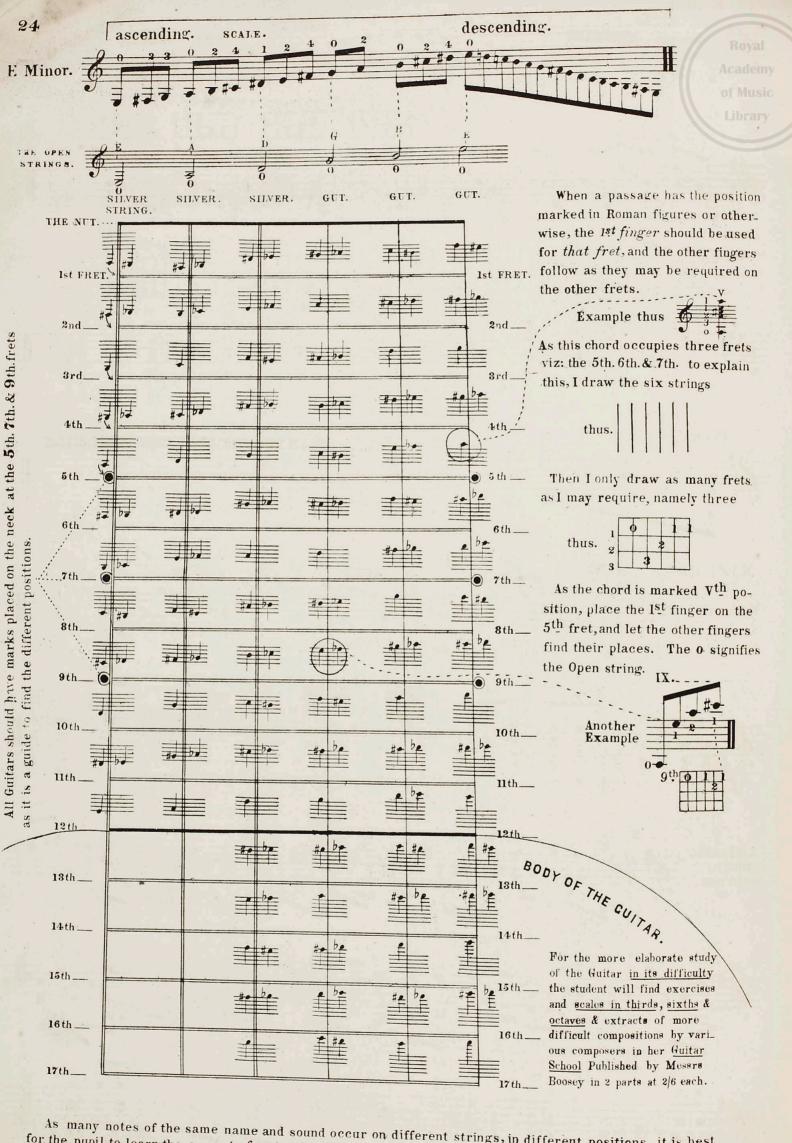
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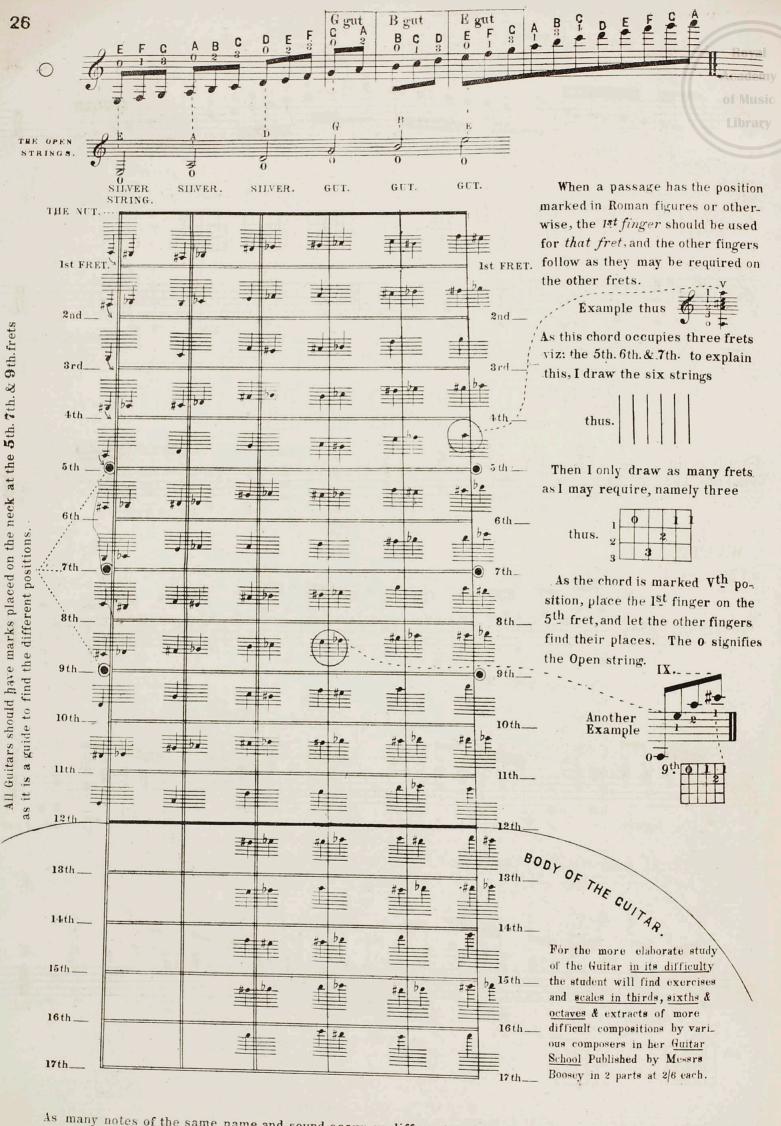
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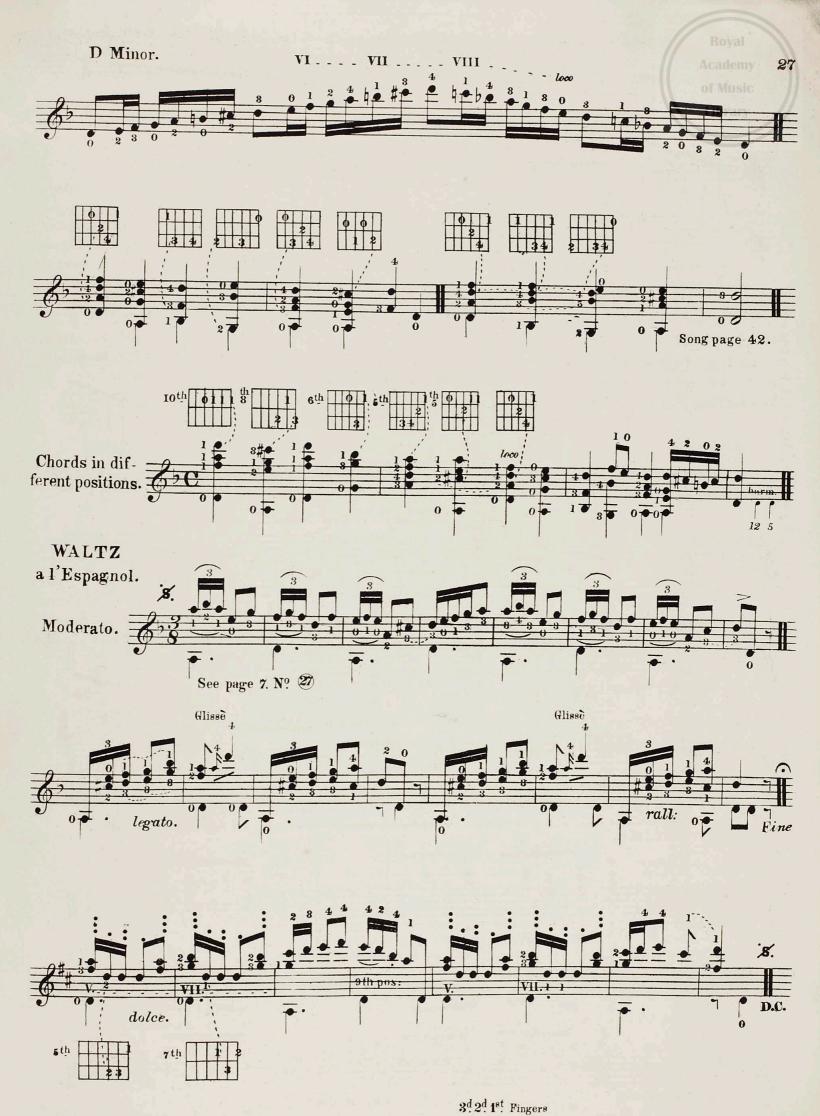
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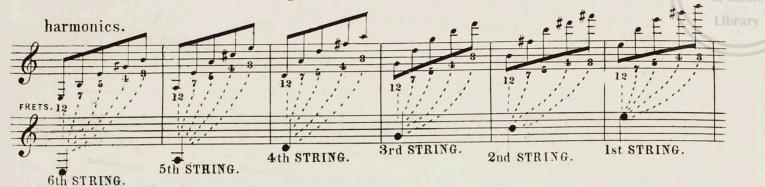
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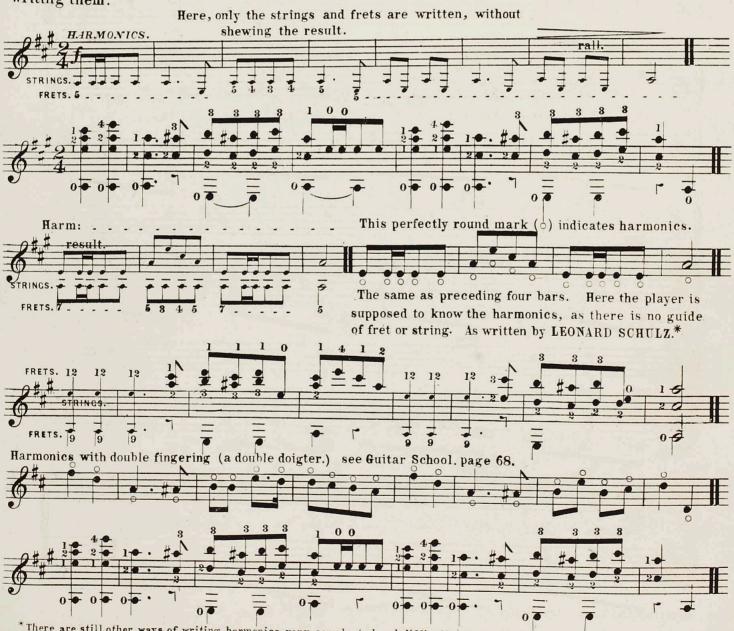


The pupil will see at a glance, by the above arrangement, the harmonics which can be produced on each string.

In the above example I have omitted the 9th fret harmonic on each of the strings, as it produces the same sound as the 4th fret, and is seldom used \_\_\_\_\_ by omitting it, I retain the uniform progression\_ otherwise it



QUICK STEP\_written to illustrate the various modes of making harmonics, and of writing them.



\*There are still other ways of writing harmonics very compleated and difficult to read, by Foreign Composers, they will be found explained with diagrams in my Guitar School Published by Messrs Boosey in 2 parts at 2/6 each. Harmonics are in 20 book.

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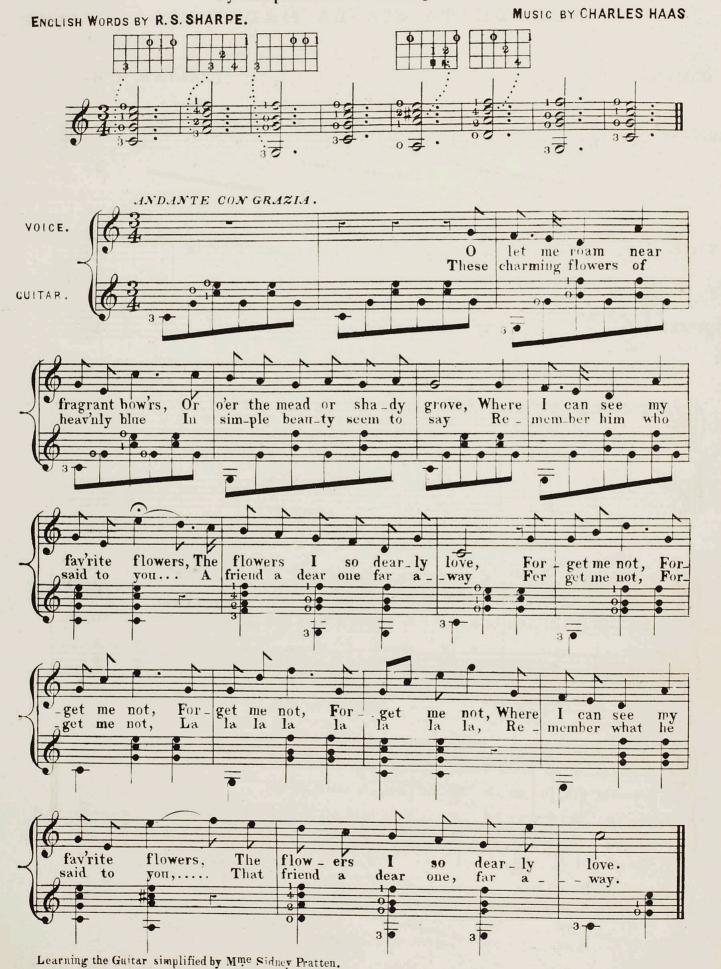


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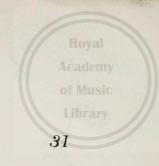
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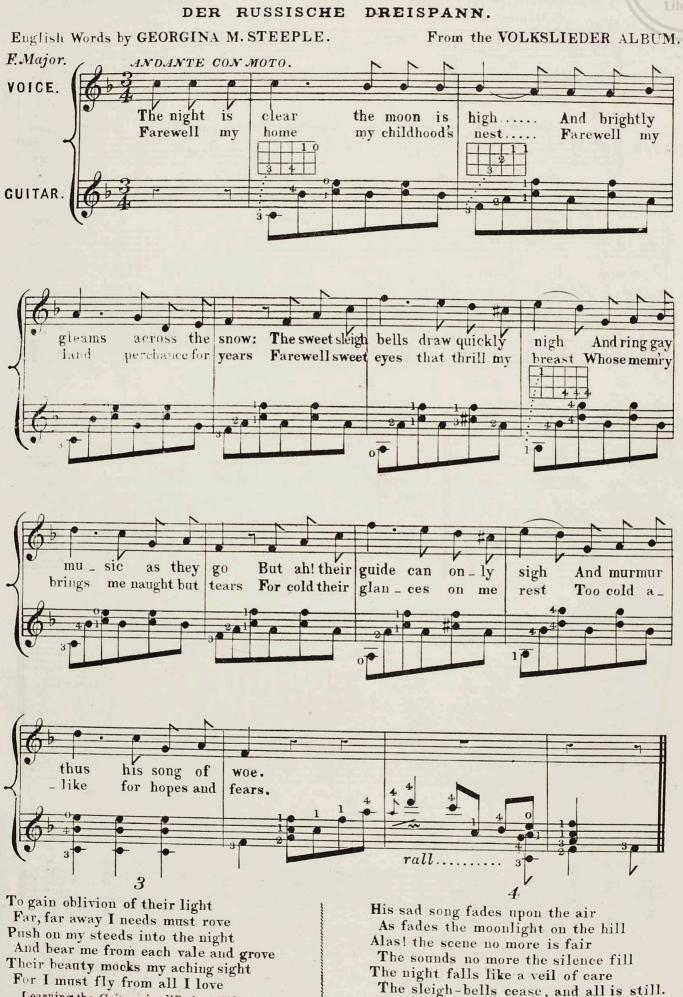
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#### FLOW ON, THOU SHINING RIVER.



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#### SONG OF THE SLEIGH DRIVER. THE



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The sleigh-bells cease, and all is still.

# TO FOREIGN CLIMES I VAINLY ROAM.

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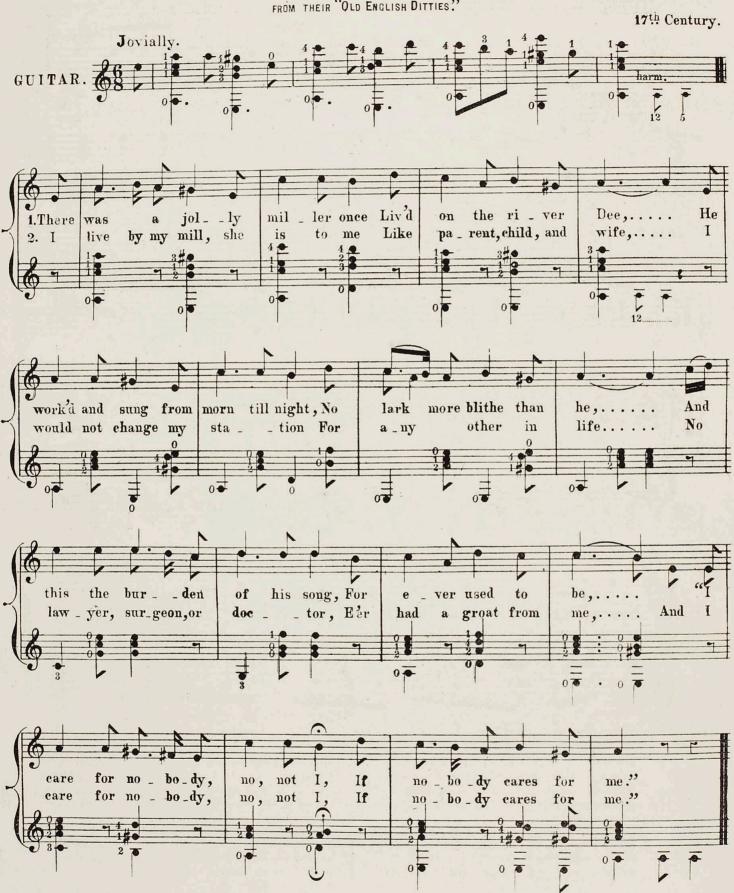


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# THERE WAS A JOLLY MILLER ONCE.

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Then like the miller, bold and free,
Let us rejoice and sing,
The days of youth were made for glee,
And time is on the wing.

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The song shall pass from me to thee,
And round this jovial ring,
And all in heart and voice agree
To sing, "Long live the King."

#### THE LAIRD O' COCKPEN.



Doun by the dyke-side a lady did dwell, At his table-head he thought she'd look well; M'Cleish's ae daughter o'Claverse-ha' Lee, A pennyless lass wi'a lang pedigree.

itury.

His wig was weel pouther'd, an'as gude as new, His waistcoat was white, his coat it was blue; He put on a ring, a sword, an' cock'd hat, An' wha could refuse the Laird wi'a' that?

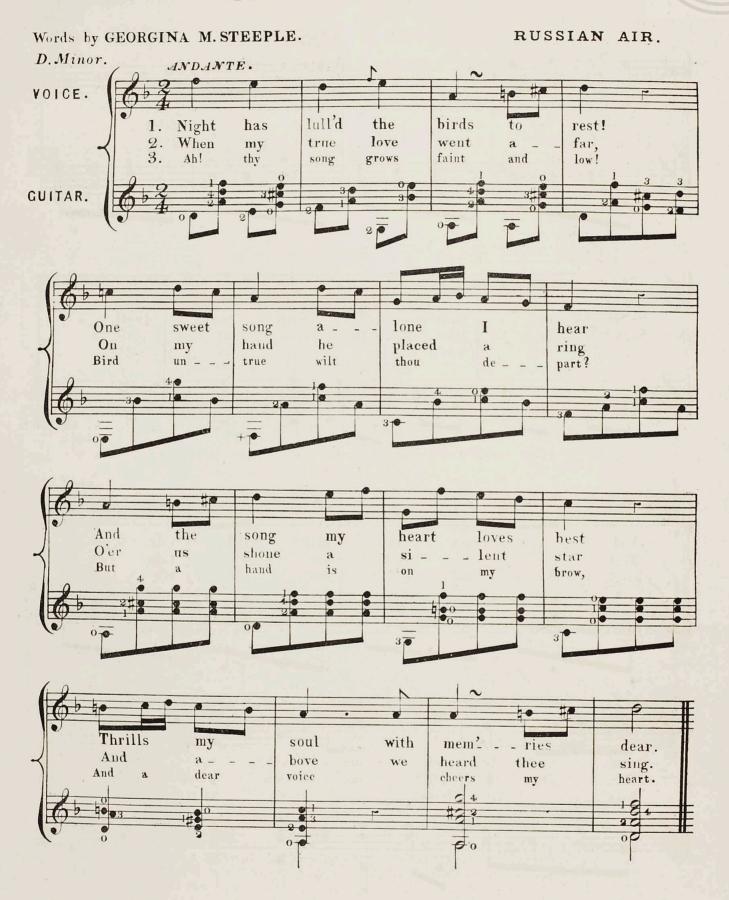
He took the gray mare, an'rade cannille,
And rapp'd at the yett o' Claverse-ha' Lee;
"Gae tell mistress Jean to come speedily ben,
She's wanted to speak wi'the Laird o' Cockpen."
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Mistress Jean she was makin' the elder-flower wine; "An' what brings the Laird at sic a like time?" She put aff her apron, an' on her silk goun, Hermutch wi'red ribbons, an' gaed awa' doun.

An' when she cam' ben, he bowed fu'low; An' what was his errand, he soon let her know. Amazed was the Laird when the lady said, Na! An' wi' a laigh curtsid, she turn'd awa'.

Dumfounder'd was he, but nae sigh did he gi'e; He mounted his mare, and he rade cannilie; An' aften he thought, as he gaed through the glen, She's daft to refuse the Laird o' Cockpen.





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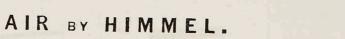


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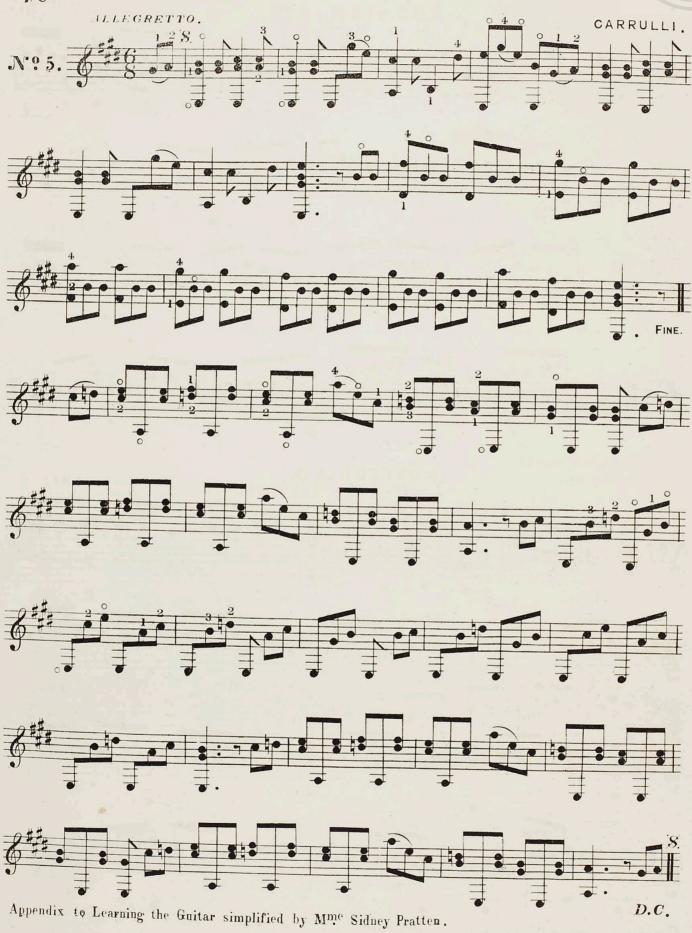




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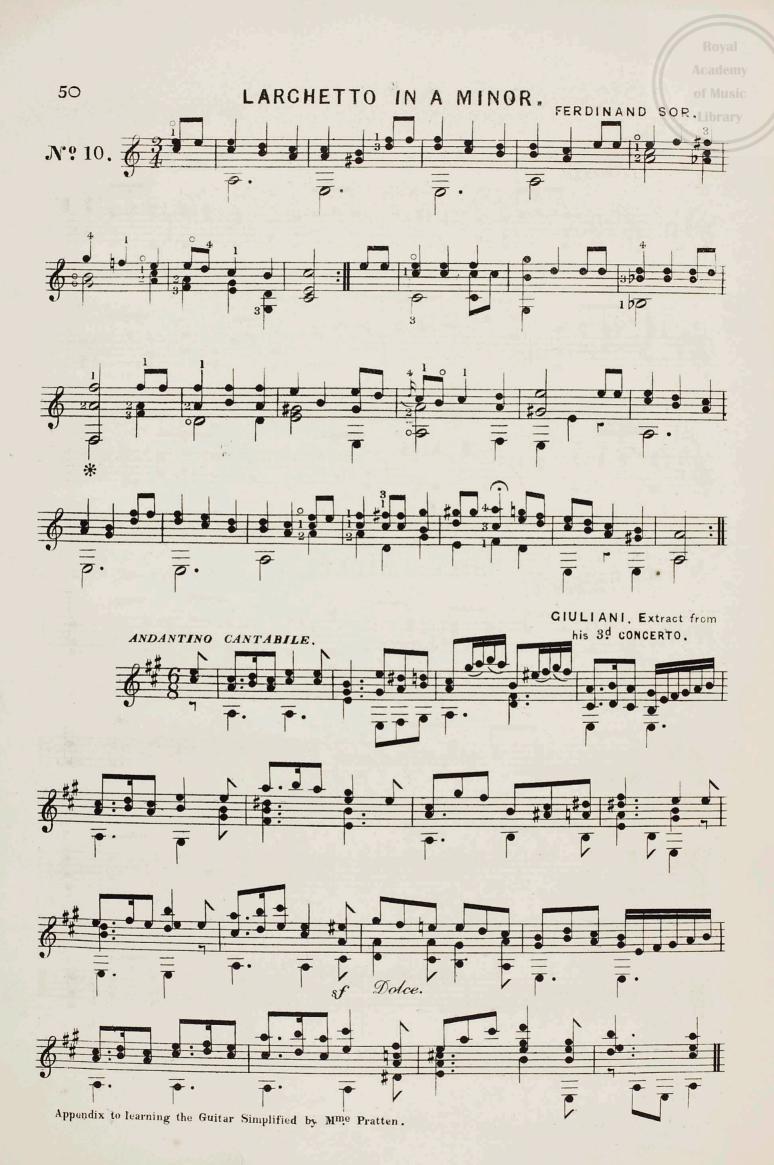




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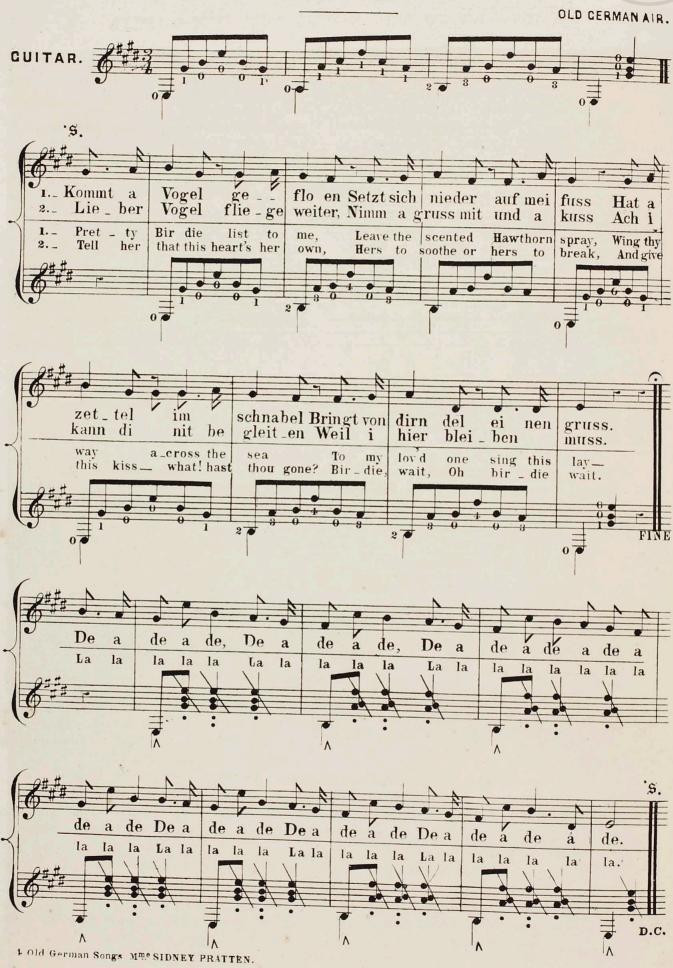
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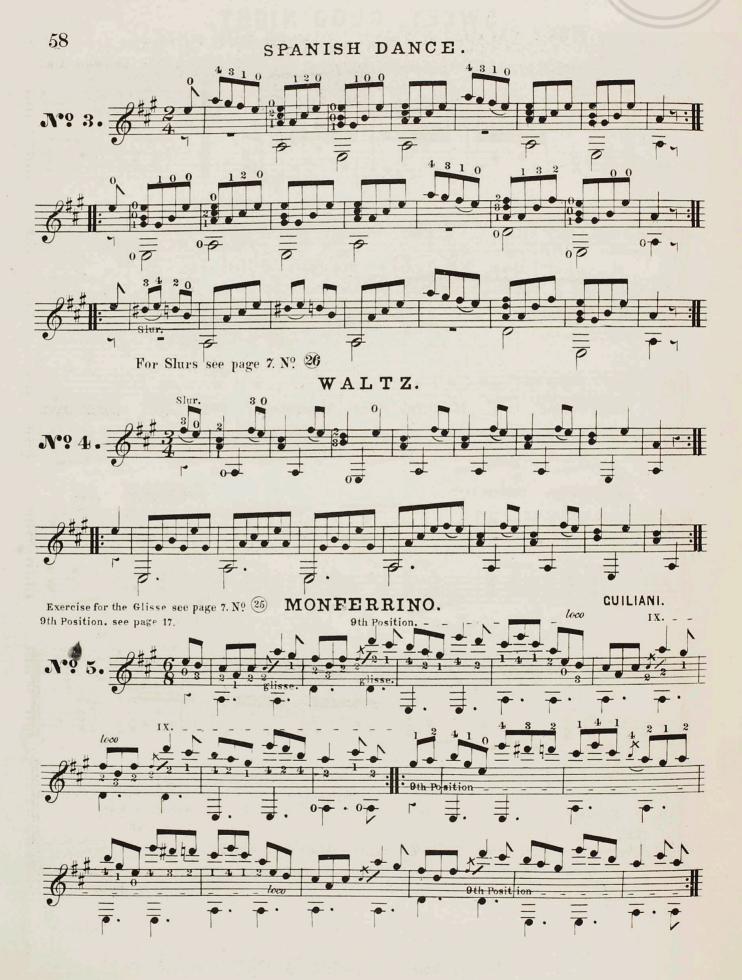
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## ANGEL OF PEACE.

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O'er its vain conflicts no more vainly mourning,
Fain my poor heart to its refuge would flee:
Angel of Peace to thy Heaven returning,
Leave, Oh! yet leave thou this blessing for me.

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# MY HOME IN THE FOREST.

CERMAN AIR.



I've rov'd o'er the mountain, I've crossd the wide sea; But still would my thoughts to my Fatherland flee.

Ta ra la, &c.

To others be fortune and pride of degree, Be mine the sweet shelter of bower and tree!

Ta ra la, &c.

The smiles that I love 'mid its coverts I see And there shall my joy and my resting-place be. Ta rala, &c.

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## MY HEART IS WITH THEE.

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Sleep on my beloved! sweet peace is thy due,
Tomorrow our triumphs again shall renew:
The chime warns me hence, till the night shadows flee,
Oh! rest thee then, dear one! my heart is with thee.

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